

## Claims

1. A receptacle for electrical cable comprising a substantially rigid stand member carrying a flexible cable retaining member which is so formed as to resiliently retain the cable against the stand while allowing a flow of air past the cable.

5 2. A receptacle according to claim 1, wherein the flexible member is connected to the rigid member by at least one strap.

10 3. A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein said at least one strap is resilient.

4. A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein said at least one strap is elasticated.

5. A receptacle according to any preceding claim, wherein said flexible member is 15 resilient.

6. A receptacle according to claim 2, wherein the flexible member is connected to the rigid member by one strap forming a border around the periphery of the flexible member.

20 7. A receptacle according to claim 2 wherein at least part of said at least one strap connects the flexible member to the rigid member removably.

8. A receptacle according to claim 7 wherein said at least one strap connects the flexible member to the rigid member removably via studs with enlarged heads acting as 25 hooks.

9. A receptacle according to any preceding claim, wherein the flexible member is a perforated bag.

10. A receptacle according to any preceding claim, wherein the flexible member is a net.

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11. A receptacle according to any preceding claim, wherein the flexible member is elasticated.

10 12. A receptacle according to claim 10 and claim 11, wherein the net is sufficiently elastic to permit an electrical plug appliance to be pushed through an aperture of the net and then retained securely inside it.

13. A receptacle according to any preceding claim in which the rigid member comprises a sheet of material, one edge of which is formed into an L-shaped cross-section, so as to form a stand.

15 14. A receptacle according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the rigid member includes cable guide means.

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15. A receptacle according to claim 14, wherein said guide means comprises slots for locating cables.

25 16. A receptacle according to claim 14 or claim 15, wherein said guide means includes a trough formed at the opposite edge to the edge having the L-shaped cross-section.

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17. A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein the rigid member is formed from a sheet material and said each slot for locating cables extends inwards from an edge of the rigid member.

5 18. A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein said slots for locating cables are so shaped as to co-operate with an adjacent surface in order to retain the cables.

19. A receptacle according to claim 15, wherein said slots for locating cables are formed so as to co-operate with a table in order to retain the cables.

10 20. A receptacle according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the rigid member is adapted to hang from the edge of a desk.

15 21. A receptacle according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein the rigid member is adapted to stand upright on a surface.

22. A receptacle according to any one of the preceding claims, wherein said rigid member has silicone or rubber strips to grip the surface of a table desk or the like.

20 23. A receptacle according to any one of the preceding claims which is also adapted to house a multiway connector.